

PROPOSED REMARKS
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INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AWARDS CEREMONY
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GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR THOSE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY OFFICERS RECEIVING AWARDS TODAY. THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS POINT TO THE GREAT TALENT, ENTHUSIASM, AND DEDICATION THAT CAN BE FOUND IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND THEY REMIND US THAT THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY'S SUCCESS OR FAILURE RESTS FUNDAMENTALLY ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PEOPLE WHO FULFILL ITS MISSION.

THIS AFTERNOON WE RECOGNIZE INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONALS FROM A VARIETY OF SERVICES AND DISCIPLINES WHO HAVE MADE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD CARRYING OUT OUR DIFFICULT AND DIVERSE MISSION. I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THEN CONSIDER SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT -- TOGETHER -- WE WILL BE FACING IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE MADE EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF KEY FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS

FOR THE UNITED STATES -- FROM CENTRAL AMERICAN AFFAIRS, TO THE LIBYA-CHAD CONFLICT, TO THE SOVIET NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM. WE HONOR THEM NOT ONLY FOR THEIR THOROUGH, OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS, BUT FOR THEIR ABILITY TO PRESENT THAT ANALYSIS EFFECTIVELY -- MAKING INTELLIGENCE A VITAL COMPONENT IN MANY IMPORTANT POLICY DECISIONS.

ONE AREA WHERE POLICYMAKERS DEPEND ON OUR INTELLIGENCE IS ARMS CONTROL. AND SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS AND UNITS HAVE WORKED UNCEASINGLY TO SUPPORT UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ARMS CONTROL. THEIR CAREFUL AND SKILLED SUPPORT HAS HELPED PROMOTE U.S. INTERESTS AT EVERY STEP OF THE ARMS CONTROL PROCESS -- FROM DEVISING POLICY GOALS, TO GAINING OUR OBJECTIVES AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, TO MONITORING TREATY COMPLIANCE.

WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR COLLECTION CAPABILITIES AND REFINED OUR PROCESSING AND

ANALYTICAL TOOLS. THEY HAVE GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO OUR ABILITY TO GATHER INFORMATION FROM HUMAN SOURCES, FROM SIGINT, AND FROM IMAGERY AND TO PUT THAT INFORMATION TO ITS BEST USE.

WE PRESENT A NUMBER OF AWARDS TODAY TO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE WORKED TO COUNTER THE THREAT POSED TO US BY HOSTILE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES.¹ AN EFFECTIVE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE ACTION ON MANY FRONTS, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO ANALYZE THE CAPABILITIES OF HOSTILE SERVICES; TO MONITOR AND COUNTER THEIR ACTIVITIES; AND TO PROTECT OUR SENSITIVE INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONNEL. THANKS TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THESE OFFICERS, WE HAVE HAD SOME OUTSTANDING SUCCESSES ON ALL THESE FRONTS. AND FOR MANY, TODAY'S CEREMONY RECOGNIZES SEVERAL YEARS OF DIFFICULT WORK ON A PROJECT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR NATION.

THOSE WE HONOR TODAY HAVE MADE EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. THEY HAVE HELPED US TO MANAGE SOME

VERY DIFFICULT INTELLIGENCE PROBLEMS, MANY OF WHICH WILL
CONTINUE TO CHALLENGE US. GORBACHEV'S DRIVE FOR ECONOMIC
MODERNIZATION AND HIS FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVES HAVE MANY
IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. INTERESTS. AND THE SOVIET INTELLIGENCE
SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE OUR PRIMARY THREAT ON THE
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE FRONT.

ARMS CONTROL WILL REMAIN A MAJOR EFFORT, AS WE MONITOR THE
INF TREATY, SUPPORT NEGOTIATION OF THE START TREATY AND PREPARE
FOR NEW AND INTENSIFIED EFFORTS TO CONTROL CONVENTIONAL ARMS,
CHEMICAL WEAPONS, AND BALLISTIC MISSILES.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADDRESS OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT
CALL FOR COOPERATION WITHIN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY --
ISSUES SUCH AS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, NARCOTICS, AND
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE WILL BE EQUAL TO SUCH TASKS.
DURING THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, I HAVE VISITED ABOUT
STATIONS, BASES, AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE FACILITIES AROUND THE

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WORLD. I HAVE OBSERVED FIRSTHAND THE SUCCESS OF OUR INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS IN MANAGING A MYRIAD OF COMPLEX ISSUES -- ISSUES SO COMPLEX THAT WE MUST OFTEN RELY UPON HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED TECHNICAL SYSTEMS. BUT OUR MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE HAS ALWAYS BEEN -- AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE -- OUR PEOPLE. WE NEED PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE THAN MERELY PROFICIENT IN THEIR FIELD -- WE NEED COMMITMENT, GOOD JUDGMENT, INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY, AND INTEGRITY.

WE RECOGNIZE THOSE QUALITIES IN YOU TODAY. MANY OF YOU HAVE HAD LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREERS IN THE INTELLIGENCE PROFESSION. AND ALL OF YOU HAVE HELPED TO CONTINUE A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE IN SERVING OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR COUNTRY.

I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND YOUR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

AND NOW IF ROY ELMENDORF, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, AND

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, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WILL JOIN ME, WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS.